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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN DEPUTY MOD ON GAO'S F-16 REPORT

1. DESPITE THE GAO REPORT'S CITING PROBLEMS WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRATT AND WHITNEY ENGINES, AND THE REPORT'S NEGATIVE CONCLUSIONS ON ADDITIONAL F-16 PURCHASES BY THE US, NORWAY WILL NOT REEVALUATE ITS EARLIER DECISION TO BUY THE F-16, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT BY DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER JOHAN JORGEN HOLST IN AFTENPOSTEN MAY 3.

2. NORWEGIAN DEFENSE AND AIRCRAFT EXPERTS HAVE AGREED THAT THE F100 MOTORS IN THE F-16 ARE QUITE GOOD, HOLST REPORTED. NORWEGIANS WERE AWARE OF EARLIER DIFFICULTIES WITH THE MOTORS DURING THE DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING PHASES, BUT ARE NOW SATISFIED THAT THESE HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT, HOLST ADDED. THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF THE F-100 MOTORS  
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IN THE F-15 WAS CITED IN THE REPORT AS EVIDENCE THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS MOTOR IN THE F-16.

3. HOLST NOTED THAT THE GAO REPORT CONSIDERED ONLY THE AMERICAN SIDE OF DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION, AND THAT THE MOD WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE OUTCOME OF THE VISITING GAO TEAM'S REPORT ON THE CONSORTIUM PROGRAM INVOLVING NORWAY,

DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, AND US. THE GAO TEAM  
WILL BE IN NORWAY THE WEEK OF MAY 8.

4. COMMENT: HOLST'S REMARKS ARE THE ONLY REACTION IN  
NORWAY TO DATE, OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL, TO THE MOST RECENT  
GAO REPORTS WE . WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE REPORT WILL GENERATE  
THE KIND OF LIVELY DISCUSSION HERE THAT HAS OCCURED IN  
OTHER EPG COUNTRIES.  
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